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STAT MEMORANDUM FOR: [] OLC
STAT FROM: [] ORPA/IID
STAT THROUGH: [] CHIEF IID
SUBJECT: 29 NOVEMBER MEETING WITH SSCI STAFF

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1. One distinctly positive aspect of this session was the impression conveyed by the staffers that the SSCI would be willing to consider easing the burden imposed on the Agency through the FOIA and Privacy Act. They seemed to be asking CIA to suggest something. I believe it is incumbent on the Agency to do so.
2. I propose that at our next meeting with the SSCI staffers they be asked to recommend establishing some maximum hours per year that the Agency would have to spend in answering FOIA and Privacy Act requests. Perhaps this limit could be fixed in the Agency budget in monetary terms - say, no more than 1-2 million dollars per year.
3. At least one of your OLC colleagues feels this is a non-starter. Perhaps it is. But if we in the Agency don't ask for some relief when we have the opportunity, we have no grounds to complain later about the burden we bear. And the burden is not getting any lighter, as far as I can tell.
4. I have discussed this with the Deputy Director of ORPA, who believes the proposal has merit and instructed me to bring it to your attention in writing.

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